

## **Open Space Committee**

Minutes: Thursday, October 22, 2015, 7:30 pm

Approved November 12, 2015

First Floor Town Hall Annex

**Present:** Ann LeRoyer, David White, John Pickle, Joey Glushko, Elizabeth Karpati and Kelsey Cowen (guest).

**Absent:** Michele Hassler, Leslie Mayer, Teresa DeBenedictis

The minutes of **September** were approved with no changes.

### **Open Space and Recreation Plan (2015-2022)**

Final approval letter received from the state on September 23, 2015.

Print and distribute final Plan as previously discussed (15 copies) – We want to check out printing costs before proceeding.

Complete Plan has been posted on the Town website on the OSC page.

We want to advertise its availability. Ann & Joey will investigate possible options.

### **Open Space Interactive Application**

David Fields – planning assistance with online maps and information on selected sites.

The Town website has been updated with links to the open space plan and maps.

### **Connecting Arlington's Open Spaces**

Kelsey Cowen presented an Arlington walking trail ideas and project proposal. The first area we want to try is south-east Arlington which is compact and level, and has a lot of new residents. We brainstormed how to move this project forward and what groups we would like to bring into the process. We also want to include more than open spaces such as cultural, historic and businesses. Perhaps a first step is to identify all possible places of interest on a map and then solicit further input from the public. With key points identified we could think about possible paths. Loops are always good because one can always enter at any point and return without retracing. Some connections to consider are: Livable Streets, Capitol Square businesses, Fox Library, Brad Barbour (Spy Pond), Friends of Spy Pond Park ... There is a Public Arts meeting for East Arlington on November 4 that someone should try to be at.

**Committee Membership:** Michele Hassler plans to resign, per an email to Ann.

**Photoposts** – A good location for some new photo posts is the Arlington Reservoir. David & John will try to organize this. The Res Committee has a workday on the morning of Sunday Nov 15.

**Ecofest** is scheduled for March 19. The theme is “Are you ready for climate change”.

**Next OSC Meetings:** November 12, December 10

**2016 Meetings:** January 28, February 25, March 24, April 28, May 26, June 23, July (TBD), August (TBD), September 22, October 27, November 10, December 8

Submitted by David White